Summer Street.
June 3. 1842.

Dear Deborah,

I staid at Maria's till Tuesday morning owing to the rain. In the evening of Monday Hervey, Lucia & I went to the Temple to a Colonization meeting held by Gurley & a certain Zion Harris distinguished in the massacre at Heddington. The Temple was respectably filled. It was by the bye a meeting of the Mass Col. Soc. & Edwards presided. Harris is a coloured man of a very inferior unhappy sort of appearance, entirely different from the bold free bearing of our folks such as Douglass, Lane etc. The place was alive with ministers. Jo Tracy Sec. Harris related the most common place stuff relative to Liberia & people were told they might ask him questions, so they asked "How much coffee is grown in the colony & things of that sort. At last, after the man had been telling how the English, or rather American Colony had rescued a number of slaves from a Spanish factory. S. S. Foster rose and asked "If the Missionary settlements (for by the way, this Harris had been speaking of them as Missionary establishments) were sanctioned by the Am Col. Soc. in emancipating slaves by fraud & bloodshed"— for before the Am. got possession of the Spanish fort there had been great deceit. As soon as the import of the question was fairly understood, there was nothing but cries of "Down down," & hisses. The whole meeting was in confusion. As he persisted in repeating the question there were cries of "Turn him out". Edwards, his eyes flashing with passion decided he was out of order & told him to sit down which he did. By & bye he asked, (as it was stated that no slaves

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were allowed in the Colony) "would the authorities
in Liberia have released the slaves of the Creole
had that vessel in the prosecution of the Slave trade
been blown into Liberia instead of Nassau?" here there
was another tumult, & the house in perfect uproar,
all hissing & calling to put him out. In a moment's pause
the Rev Mr Rogers said "this person Mr Chairman seems
to determine to disturb the meeting. If he will not obey
the decision of the meeting, I hope effectual measures
will be taken to prevent him." Here there were louder
cries of "turn him out" and Mr Edwards said "we
will not turn him out ourselves but send for the
proper authorities". Somebody in the house moved that
the Rev Mr Rogers be a Committee to take the
person out. This rather stilled the audience. Foster & Parnell
Beach asked one or two more questions, each of which was
met by an uproar. They had to withdraw the colonization
man pretty soon & bring forward Gurley. Beach asked
Gurley if Henry Clay went to Liberia with any of his
slaves would he be permitted to hold them there. Gurley
said no. He seemed much in his old frame, only not so
eloquent as formerly. He said he had been told by the
Boston ministers & by the Andover Professors that now was
a favourable time to bring Colonization before the
people. Winslow moved that another meeting be held
which was acceded to. He, Blagden & Rogers seemed
all on fire. The next evening another meeting was held
but I did not go. Caroline & Lucia did. The abolitionists
did not interfere. Gurley read an article in the last
Standard but one, by Mrs Child & commented on it.
but brought forward no disproving facts. He alluded to
Garrison as one "who had on this subject led & misled the
mind of England". He got 2 or 300 dollars in Boston.
We have bought the carpet & it is thought pretty by the
Summer St residents. We gave $1. pr yard. It is the
closet one you heard us speak of. I cannot exactly say
the very day when I shall go to Weymouth. If Maria can

get a dress maker to come & cut Annie's things tomorrow (Saturday) I shall stay in town for that day & hope to make them right up. The children have behaved very well. Ann is going to Miss Lathrop's school, she having struck up an intimacy with Miss L. herself going out of the back gate & addressing her. Henry will commence his career on Monday Mr Thayer having been to look him up. Henry is about as when you left. Some days he is better, some not so well. Maria has got a book entitled "Consumption curable" by Dr Ramage an English physician. It is published by a man in N.Y. who went to England in a deep consumption & was cured in Dr R's new way. It is done by means of a tube through which the patient breathes & which inflates the lungs. Many well authenticated cases of cure, both in this country & England are given. Maria has sent to N.Y. by E. G. Loring for a tube & book. Ellis & Louisa have gone on & will arrange matters with Mrs C. if possible. I suppose Ellis has gone for his health in part as that is very delicate Just as soon as we get to rights at Weymouth I shall have Henry down for a day or two. The house we all continue to admire. It is slowly getting to rights. I have been at Henrietta's most of the time this week, but came up here last night to stay the night. Lucia has got herself a very pretty straw bonnet. The Rutland straw. She gave there for $ 3. I think of getting me one of that same kind. Mrs Chas Tucker is so poor she offers to go out to take care of children. The Tuckers hate her so they will do nothing for her. Mrs Chas T. Jackson, the Geologist's wife has gone violently insane & has been carried to the Hospital. It is laid at the door of Transcendentalism. They are all putting to rights at C. H. in great style. I have asked Henrietta to come to Weymouth whenever she can she being to write & let me know.

She will not come before a fortnight. Abby Southwick is to join Mr Kirk's church. Garrison & Collins have gone on to N.Y. Lucia & I shall both certainly be at Weymouth on Monday next. Wendell & Ann are getting ready to go out of town, but where I dont know. I hardly think it worth while to send you my old parasol. It is so bad that Henrietta wont let me carry it here. It is torn. You can get a good sunshade for $1.

I can think of nothing more to tell you. I shall write from Weymouth. Yrs ever AWW.

Give my love to Mrs Beane, Abby & all whom I know. Caroline's things have come in from Weym Roxbury.

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